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Minutes of the

Delaware Harness Racing Commission Meeting

PUBLIC SESSION

April 11, 2017 at 10:00 AM

Delaware Department of Agriculture- Conference Room

Commission Members Present

Beverly Steele	Chairman
Patt Wagner	Vice Chairman
George Staats	Commissioner
Stephanie Liguori	Commissioner
Jack Berberian	Commissioner

Others Present

DHRC Executive Director Mark Davis, Dover Downs Vice President of Racing Charles Lockhart, Dover Downs Sr. Director of Racing John Hensley, Harrington Raceway General Manager Jim Boese, Harrington Raceway Asst. GM Matt Sparacino, DSOA Executive Director Sal DiMario, DSBF Executive Administrator Judy Davis-Wilson, HRI Facilities Manager Karen Craft.

DHRC staff members: Dan Kazmaier and Lauren Torres

Andrew Kerber was not able to attend this meeting.

Minutes: Donna Krol

CALL TO ORDER:

At 10:05 a.m. Chairman Steele called the public session of the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Immediately following the "Call to Order," the DHRC Commission dismissed to Executive Session. The Commission will return to Public Session after the Executive Session is completed.

Executive Session:

See Executive Session minutes.

Return to Public Session:

At 10:34 a.m. Chairman Steele called the public session of the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Public minutes from the March 21, 2017 Commission Meeting were reviewed. Chairman Steele entertained a motion to approve the public minutes as submitted. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Liguori. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

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OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Reports: Executive Director, Racing Officials, Veterinarian:

Executive Director: Activity Summary Report

Mark Davis reviewed the Activity Summary Report's provided to the Commission. Report covers the time period of March 1st through March 31st, 2017.

Racing statistics:

Total # of Live Racing Days = 17

Total # Live Races = 232

Average # Races per Day = 14

Total # of Starters = 1,830

Delaware Owned/Trained purse retention: Average = 86.7%

*Delaware Owned now includes horses that are full/partially owned or trained by Delaware residents.

License statistics:

Total # licenses issued = 104

Total Monthly = \$10,179.00/YTD Total = \$42,965.00.

(Total Monthly figures include Licenses, Fingerprints, Appeals and Fines).

Personnel Activities:

Chief Investigator, Lauren Torres and Mark Davis visited Dalare Labs on 3-23-17.

Chief Investigator Lauren Torres and Investigator Dan Caldwell attended a Training Conference hosted by the PA Harness Racing Commission on 3-30-17 & 3-31-17.

Meetings/Events attended by Mark Davis:

Commission Meeting on 3-21-17.

Dalare Lab visit on 3-23-17.

Racing Official Report - Presiding Judge:

Reported by: Dan Kazmaier

Total # of Rulings: 11

Total fine amount: \$2,700.00

Post-Race Positive Test: None

Qualifier Positive Test: None

Positive Pre Race Blood Gas Test: None

Racing Official Report - Chief Investigator:

Reported by: Mark Davis

Total # Human Drug Tests = 15

Positive result: None

Total # Breathalyzer tests = 833, average 49/day, Positive result – None

Total # Truck & Trailer Searches completed = 41 no violations/seizures

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Racing Official Report - Veterinarian:

Reported by: Mark Davis
Total # of starters = 1,830
Post- Race Testing:
234 Blood samples were collected.
183 urine samples
51 incomplete collections (no urine)
Catch Rate = 79.6%, average time per catch was 37 minutes
Judge's Special Tests: 7

Accident: None

Horse Euthanized On/Off Track:

Date 3-13-17, Horse (Happydazrhereagain) died on the track. Horse was training prior to start of races.
Trainer: Robert Short. Blood was drawn and horse sent to New Bolton for necropsy.
Necropsy results: Cause of death was from head injury suffered when falling on to the track.

3 A-Fib, 0 Breakdown, 42 sick

Approval of Employees for Harrington Raceway 2017 Meet:

Commission reviewed and approved the Staff roster submitted for the 2017 Harrington Raceway Meet.
Motion to accept the staff roster as submitted was made by Chairman Steele. Commissioner Berberian seconded the motion and was carried by Commissioner Liguori. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING:

None

FREEDOM of INFORMATION ACT, Requests:

Audrey Kauffman, AM Tote International

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CLOSE OF PUBLIC MEETING:

With no further public business to discuss, Chairman Steele made a motion to adjourn the public session.
Motion was carried by Commissioner Berberian and seconded by Commissioner Staats. Meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Next Regular Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 10:00 AM

Next Rules Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 10:00 AM – RESCHEDULE

Next DSBF Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 26, 2017